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The Commission on Mental Health and Addiction is established by IC 12-21-6.5 to do the following:

- (1) Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health and addiction services in Indiana.
- (2) Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health and addiction services delivered by community providers and state operated hospitals. The review and recommendations must cover services to all age groups including children, youth, and adults.
- (3) Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for public supported mental health and addiction services:
 - (A) in any specific geographic area; or
 - (B) throughout Indiana.

In formulating recommendations, the commission shall consider the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of providers of mental health and addiction services.

- (4) Monitor the implementation of managed care for persons with mental illness and addictive disorder that is paid for in part or in whole by the state.
- (5) Make recommendations regarding the commission's findings to the appropriate division or department of state government.

I. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met four times during the 2011 interim on August 9, 2011, September 6, 2011, October 4, 2011, and October 25, 2011.

The Commission is not required to file a final report.

Meeting minutes for the Commission can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

II. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

At the August 9, 2011, meeting the Commission received updates on mental issues from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) including information on state hospital initiatives, suicide prevention, clubhouse programs, the Workforce Development Task Force, and state and federal law changes. The Commission also received updates from the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, and Mental Health America of Indiana.

At the September 2, 2011, meeting the Commission received the final report from the Indiana Bar Association Statewide Juvenile Mental Health Screening and Assessment Project. The Commission received a presentation on underage drinking from the IN Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking. DMHA also addressed underage drinking programs and provided written responses to questions from the August meeting. The Commission received information from

DMHA and responses from the Community Mental Health centers to the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO).

At the October 4, 2011, meeting the Commission received comments on the status of mental health programs in Indiana from the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) and completed mental health center responses to the MRO presentation from the September 2, 2011, meeting. The Commission considered criminal justice issues from the PEW Center study and from the Department of Correction. The Commission received a presentation from Assure Rx on their program using genetic information to provide mental health drugs that are tailored to best meet the needs of individuals with mental illness. The Commission heard responses from Mental Health America of Indiana on: (1) the Assure Rx program; (2) a study conducted by DMHA on access to mental health drugs; and (3) comments concerning the provision of mental health services to inmates in department of Correction facilities.

At the October 25, 2011, meeting the Commission received a report from Eli Lilly and Company's monotherapy program. The program is designed to evaluate interactions among drugs used to treat individuals with mental illness. The Commission received a report on employment programs for individuals recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. The Commission recommended the following three bills and one resolution for presentation to the General Assembly:

Resolution	Memorializing Mr. Galen Goode, former member of the Commission.
PD 3300	Creating the Forensic Addiction Fund to provide for grants to local probation departments and community corrections programs for parolees with drug and alcohol abuse problems.
PD 3305	Concerning various mental health issues, including: (1) renaming the "mental health and addiction advisory council" the "mental health and addiction planning and advisory council" and adjusting the membership to comply with federal standards; (2) providing for per diem for lay members of the Commission on Mental Health; and (3) making updates requested by the DMHA.
PD 3309	Providing for certain responsibilities of individuals at least 21 years of age if there is underage use of alcohol on the their property.

All four measures were adopted unanimously.

III. COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommended the following bill drafts and resolution:

Concurrent Resolution	Honoring Mr. Galen Good
PD 3300	Forensic Addiction Fund
PD 3305	Various mental health issues
PD 3309	Social hosting